

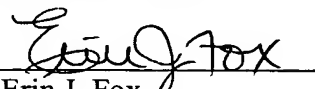
The examiner is requested to hold the non-elected claims in abeyance pending the filing of one or more divisional applications.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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